

Amendments to the Specification:

Amendments to the specification are presented below with replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

Please add the following heading on page 1, line 10:

“Background of the Invention”

Please add the following heading on page 1, line 22:

“Brief Summary of the Invention”

Please add the following heading on page 4, line 8:

“Brief Description of the Drawings”

Please add the following heading on page 4, line 35:

“Detailed Description of the Drawings”

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 2-29 with the following amended paragraph:

In figure 1, a user 1, in this case a civil airplane pilot, is wearing a respiratory protection mask 2, in this case a quick-fitting mask. This mask 2 includes an oronasal face piece 10 and a semi-flexible lip ~~element~~ 6. A pipe 3 conveying a respiratory gas supplies the mask 2 with respiratory gas from a respiratory source 5. This pipe 3 is connected in a fluid manner to the oronasal face piece 10. Removable hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4

(which may also be referred to as a "hygienic protection means" at some parts throughout this application), in this case a filter, ~~are~~ is placed by the pilot inside the mask 2, for example when he takes his seat in the airplane. ~~These hygienic protection means are~~ This hygienic protection system is made up of at least two main parts 4a and 4b. The first part 4a filters the air breathed out and prevents any infection from penetrating inside the mask, and in particular in a microphone or inspiratory 8 and/or expiratory 9 valves. The first part 4a for example if made of a paper impregnated with an antibiotic, bactericidal or other substance. First part 4a may also be referred to as a filter part 4a. The second part 4b is made of a flexible and airtight material, such as silicone or latex, for example, and is used to secure the hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4 inside the mask 2, and maintain the seal of the hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4 within the mask 2 by contact between this second part 4b and the inside of the semi-flexible lip ~~element~~ 6. Second part 4b may also be referred to as lip securing part 4b. If necessary, a cord 7 is fixed to the hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4 to facilitate ~~their~~ its extraction from the mask 2.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 30-37 with the following amended paragraph:

According to a variant, illustrated by figure 2, a third part 4c, forming a thin lip element, prolongs the part 4b and extends beyond the semi-flexible lip element 6 by a few millimeters to make the mask 2 more comfortable to wear and to improve the seal between the hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4 and face of the user 1. Third part 4c may also be referred to as lip insulation part 4c. This part 4b 4c is, for example, also made of silicone or latex, but is thinner than the part 4b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 38 and continuing to page 6, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

According to another variant, illustrated by figure 3, a fourth part 4d, also forming a thin lip element, prolongs the third part 4c so as to at least partly cover the outer surface of the semi-flexible lip ~~element~~-6. This part 4d also provides a hygienic protection function. It can also be made of silicone or latex like the part 4c. Fourth part 4d may also be referred to as lip extension part 4d.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 22-28 with the following amended paragraph:

The last part 4b', the one possibly including an elastic thread 13, is fixed all around the outer perimeter of the hygienic protection ~~means~~ system 4 in order to keep ~~them~~ it stably positioned by preventing ~~them~~ it from re-entering into the mask 2 while it is being used. This part 4b' can be made of silicone or latex, for example. Part 4b' may also be referred to as lip securing part 4b'.